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## FOREWORD

THE four numbers comprising Volume XVI of the Journal of the Institute will, I feel sure, prove of value alike to the student and to those engaged in the practice of Public Administration. From its pages, into which a wealth of information, experience and thought have been garnered, I would select as worthy of special mention the papers on the Civil Service in other countries. For descriptions of the French and German organisations, the Institute is greatly indebted to Monsieur L. M. E. Roche and to Doctor Erich Kordt, Secretaries of their respective Embassies in this country. Some aspects of the American Public Service are commented on by J. Donald Kingsley, Ph.D., Professor at Antioch College, U.S.A., while the Public Service in New South Wales is the subject of a prize winning essay, to be found in the October issue. A most interesting address, given by His Excellency Sir Herbert Stanley, to the Southern Rhodesian Group on Colonial and Dominion Administration appears in the same number.

If, in this survey, pride of place is given to countries overseas, the more domestic aspects of the subject naturally occupy the major part of the Volume. Among the articles devoted to special problems which come within the purview of our Home Departments of State I would commend especially to the reader those on Government Planning Machinery, the Control of Public Undertakings and the Relations between Departments and the Judiciary. Nor must the papers on that question of perennial interest—Training for the Public Service—be overlooked.

Local Government, a phase of Administration with which many members of the Institute are primarily occupied, is discussed in various articles, and I commend to their notice and to the attention of elected representatives of Councils with whom they serve, the papers on Regional Government and on the Trend of Local Government. To the specialist, the papers on the Administration of Small Ports and the Public Library should be of particular interest.

Finally, I must refer to the papers written for the Institute's Conferences in 1938, which are reprinted in the April and July issues of the JOURNAL. Among the contributions discussed at the Winter Conference were those on Social Services in relation to the Family from the angle of Local, as well as Central, Government. Part of the Summer Conference was devoted to Social Trends and Problems of Administration in Rural Areas, and these topical items well merit a careful study.

The Editor has seen fit to print as an opening article in the January issue the address which I was happy to give in my first year as President of the Institute. It is, therefore, perhaps appropriate that, on completion of the Volume, I should also be privileged to make the final contribution of the year to its pages. In doing so, I trust that this most useful phase of the Institute's activities—its JOURNAL—will continue to go from strength to strength and that readers will find there both inspiration and assistance in their study of that most absorbing subject—Public Administration.

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